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Senator Geller moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 94 and 95,

insert:

Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 849.086, Florida Statutes, is amended, present subsections (9) through (17) are redesignated as subsections (10) through (19), respectively, and new subsections (9) and (10) are added to that section, to read:

849.086 Cardrooms authorized.--

(2) DEFINITIONS.--As used in this section:

(a) "Authorized game" means a game or series of games of poker which are played in a nonbanking manner.

(b) "Banking game" means a game in which the house is a participant in the game, taking on players, paying winners, and collecting from losers or in which the cardroom establishes a bank against which participants play.

(c) "Cardroom" means a facility where authorized card games are played for money or anything of value and to which

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1 the public is invited to participate in such games and charged
2 a fee for participation by the operator of such facility.

3 Authorized games and cardrooms do not constitute casino gaming
4 operations.

5 (d) "Cardroom management company" means any individual
6 not an employee of the cardroom operator, any proprietorship,
7 partnership, corporation, or other entity that enters into an
8 agreement with a cardroom operator to manage, operate, or
9 otherwise control the daily operation of a cardroom.

10 (e) "Cardroom distributor" means any business that
11 distributes cardroom paraphernalia such as card tables,
12 betting chips, chip holders, drop boxes, banking supplies,
13 playing cards, card shufflers, and other associated equipment
14 to authorized cardrooms.

15 (f) "Cardroom operator" means a licensed pari-mutuel
16 permitholder which holds a valid permit and license issued by
17 the division pursuant to chapter 550 and which also holds a
18 valid cardroom license issued by the division pursuant to this
19 section which authorizes such person to operate a cardroom and
20 to conduct authorized games in such cardroom.

21 (g) "Division" means the Division of Pari-mutuel
22 Wagering of the Department of Business and Professional
23 Regulation.

24 (h) "Dominoes" means flat rectangular blocks the faces
25 of which are divided into two equal parts that are blank or
26 include from one to six dots arranged in a pattern.

27 (i) "High stakes dominoes" means a game of dominoes
28 played with a set of 28 dominoes which is played without
29 limits on the amount wagered in any game or series of games
30 and without limits on the rounds of betting.

31 (~~j~~) ~~(h)~~ "Gross receipts" means the total amount of

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1 money received by a cardroom from any person for participation
2 in authorized games.

3 (k) "High stakes poker" means a game of poker without
4 limits on the amount wagered in any game or series of games
5 and without limits on the rounds of betting established in
6 this section.

7 (l)(i) "House" means the cardroom operator and all
8 employees of the cardroom operator.

9 (m)(j) "Net proceeds" means the total amount of gross
10 receipts received by a cardroom operator from cardroom
11 operations less direct operating expenses related to cardroom
12 operations, including labor costs, admission taxes only if a
13 separate admission fee is charged for entry to the cardroom
14 facility, gross receipts taxes imposed on cardroom operators
15 by this section, the annual cardroom license fees imposed by
16 this section on each table operated at a cardroom, and
17 reasonable promotional costs excluding officer and director
18 compensation, interest on capital debt, legal fees, real
19 estate taxes, bad debts, contributions or donations, or
20 overhead and depreciation expenses not directly related to the
21 operation of the cardrooms.

22 (n)(k) "Rake" means a set fee or percentage of the pot
23 assessed by a cardroom operator for providing the services of
24 a dealer, table, or location for playing the authorized game.

25 (9) HIGH STAKES POKER TOURNAMENTS.--A cardroom
26 operator may host a high-stakes poker tournament twice a year
27 for 1 week at a pari-mutuel facility authorized to operate
28 cardrooms, during the hours the pari-mutuel facility is open
29 to conduct business. Such tournament may be conducted only
30 once in any 6-month period.

31 (10) HIGH STAKES DOMINOES TOURNAMENTS.--A cardroom

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1 operator may host a high stakes dominoes tournament twice a
 2 year for 1 week at a pari-mutual facility authorized to
 3 operate cardrooms, during the hours the pari-mutuel facility
 4 is open to conduct business. Such tournament may be conducted
 5 only once in any 6-month period.

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7 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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11 And the title is amended as follows:

12 On line 22, following the semicolon

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14 insert:

15 amending s. 849.086, F.S.; providing a
 16 definition; authorizing cardroom operators to
 17 host high-stakes poker tournaments at certain
 18 pari-mutuel facilities; providing limitations;

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